

# **Our Spire**

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**Reaching Up to God,  
Reaching out to People**



## Membership Matters

The February sermon series still stirs and excites me—and I hope the same for you. Over the past month, we have focused on what may feel obvious (but may not be said, or said enough). There is strength in number. There is comfort in number. There is necessity in number.



Each week during the series, I have talked about the joy of ministry we successfully do solo, alone. We achieve great work for the Kingdom independently. Amen to this!

I have also invited us to think about what work for the Kingdom we do interdependently. Such great energy and thoughts come when we consider the joy of living together for Christ! For example, in a congregationally-based UCC church, we do so much collective thinking that leads to mission work and output not from a single thought, but from a team effort. I see this clearly when our council meets monthly. After each diverse report is presented (such as Deacons, Stewardship, Trustees, Willing Workers and Missionary—just to name a few), our church council offers input, insight, opinion and careful consideration. What delights me as your pastor is how thorough and kindhearted this process is. Your council members do bring different values and perspectives to each conversation, and this is always—*always*—a win. Sometimes we disagree—at first. Sometimes we have challenges before us. But always—*always*—we rely on the Holy Spirit to help us hear each other. The result is better, stronger and greater decision making.

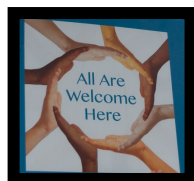
There's appreciation, too. Just like when worship in the sanctuary ends, your council members carry on conversations all the way to the parking lot. A joy is when two disagree for a moment or two during the meeting over a particular matter until the best (or most beneficial) decision is reached, the two have a greater appreciation for each other. I am not sure all church governing boards care for each other as our council does. How we value the group process permeates in everything we say, do, and achieve together not just at council but as a congregation.

A sermon point during the first sermon in this series comes again and again in regard to membership. Ecclesiastes 4:12 says, "A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back can conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken."

I think of us as individuals. We are present to each other. We care for each other. When my mother was compromised for more than half of this past year for example, there was one team in place and you know its base. Everyone who took care of my mom belonged to the church. That is not just sweet. That is powerful and beautiful and important.

Commitments wane more and more each year in our society. The enemy chooses to divide us with lies such as "I can do more for the church later", "That's a group that has its flaws", "That's just a little place that doesn't do much." These lies are unfortunate because we buy into them, at least on some level.

Let's continue to battle the devil and be an intentional part of the whole so that a whole lot more love, attention, kindness, generosity, care and joy can be known not by some, but by so many.



### **New Member classes:**

**March 26, 2023  
April 2, 16, 23 and 30  
Joining on May 7, 2023.**



**Classes after church at 11:15-12:45.  
Lunch is provided.**

**Lunch**

**For more information or to sign-up for the class please contact by phone or text Holli Chichester at 301-643-1775 or email [hollischichester@gmail.com](mailto:hollischichester@gmail.com).**

# A Journey Through Lent

“They take pills,” she answered matter-of-factly.

I had asked someone I treasure and respect how people get through life without faith in God. She didn’t pause when she gave her answer.

What if we didn’t have to take too many pills, or drink too much alcohol, or spend too much money or too much time in what should only be done in healthy moderation?

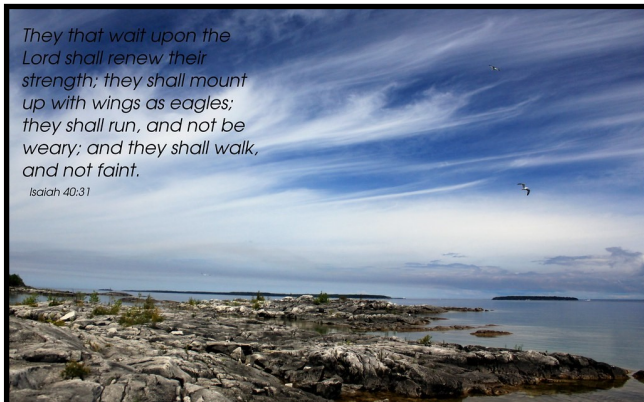
What if we honestly, openly, and intently took a journey through Lent this year?

We are not the first to travel through hardships, loss, poor relationships, and even financial strain. Our Bibles are full of true-to-life stories of real struggles, hard knocks, and deep despair. Let’s open them together in these weeks of Lent this year and find what Jesus does with those who are strapped, struggling and sorrow-laden. Let’s read this text, these true life stories, and find ourselves in them in such a way that what has felt like a roadblock or barrier is actually a blessing in the making.

Join us in worship through Lent 2023. Find that we are all on a journey. The journey we choose can be one with Jesus. When we make this choice, when we walk with and talk with Jesus not alone but together, we will find our steps are meaningful, purposeful, easier, and even joyful.

There is the longstanding practice of giving things up for Lent. Let’s give up fear, old habits, hurtful behavior and negative thinking. With those things behind us, let’s journey further into the Word of God so much so that we find our true selves. Let’s be the people God wants us to be.

And let’s do this one step at a time.



**“And I will strengthen them in the Lord, and in His name they will walk,” declares the Lord.”**

**– Zechariah 10:12**

# Lenten Schedule

February 22 - Ash Wednesday, Harford First Congregational Church, 6:00pm

March 1 – Host First Church Harford UCC, 6:00pm  
Lucas Taylor (Brooklyn) music,  
Annette Zrowka preaching

March 8 – Host Brooklyn Universalist, 6:00pm  
New Milford UMC choir,  
Laura Kincaid preaching

March 15 – Host South Gibson UMC, 6:00pm  
Great Bend choir,  
Lucas Taylor preaching

March 22 – Host Great Bend UMC, 6:00pm  
South Gibson choir,  
Will Hagenbuch preaching

March 26 - Catholic Choral Society 4:00  
Harford First Congregational  
MountainView Chimettes  
Refreshments  
Free Will Offering

March 29 – Host New Milford UMC, 6:00pm  
Harford choir,  
Ho-Shik Kang preaching

April 2 - Palm Sunday Harford 10:00

April 7 - Good Friday: Seven Last Words Service:  
Harford First Congregational Church, 6:00

April 9 - Easter Sunday Sunrise 7:00am  
Harford First Congregational Church  
Sunday School 9:00am (Lesson and Easter Egg Hunt)  
Worship 10:00am





## Thank you Scouts for participating in worship with us!!!

Front Row: Wyatt Ainey, Liam Billets

2nd Row: Owen Bewley, Alex Empet, Gavin Bewley, Bill Heiss, Reilly Potter

Back Row: Scott Heiss, Leader Kristin Williams

### Letter from our Sabbatical Conference Minister, Rev. Dr. Becky Beckwith

*For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

The one thing I consistently hear in every committee, organization, or group, is that we need to get better at communicating. I agree. I would also be so brazen, as to hope that God would communicate with me.

Successful people, leaders make things happen. They know where they are going. They set and accomplish goals. Jeremiah was not considered successful. No one listened to him. Throughout his life he wept at the fate of his country, and he spent considerable time sharing God's message of doom.

Although we might look at Jeremiah and shake our heads, God saw Jeremiah differently. God saw a man who was answering a Call, a faithful man, a man who was indeed successful in the eyes of God.

Really? How does one know one is successful in the eyes of God? How is that communicated? When are our eyes open and our hearts connected in a way that makes us know, just know that God is smiling on us?

The churches I've served have heard me speak often of "A Ha" or "God" moments. Those are the sacred occurrences that come into my life when I am least expecting them. The times when the right door opens, the words said make complete sense or when it's clear that God is right smack in the middle of what has just happened.

We humans need to be communicating with each other. If life is to go well for a couple, then they need to be sharing their thoughts and feelings. If big things are going to be changing at work or church – it's imperative to talk about it. If you really want to set important goals and work toward achieving them – then include prayer in the planning.

I like the Jeremiah passage and hold it close to me when I'm looking ahead. Plans to prosper, to do well. Plans to give hope into the future. This is God's ways of communicating. If I need to have something more – I remember the grandchild's smile when we came to visit, or I watch the sunset. God is communicating. It's a God moment!

Blessings, Becky

### Spire Sponsors

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Harford First Congregational Church—UCC PO Box 217 Harford, PA 18823

# Beginning Hand Bell Choir

Our beginner hand bell choir started February 26, 2023 and will be held right after church every 2nd and 4th Sundays.

No prior experience is necessary and the ability to read music helps but is also not necessary.



Please text or call Earl Cottrell for question or to let him know that you are interested at 701-405-3417.



## Other Council Minutes

January 2022	January 2023	YTD
<b>Income: \$20,768.55</b>	<b>Income: \$14,243.41</b>	<b>Income: \$14,243.41</b>
<b>Expense: \$10,079.77</b>	<b>Expense: \$15,142.53</b>	<b>Expense: \$15,142.53</b>
<b>Total: +\$11,688.78</b>	<b>Total: -\$899.12</b>	<b>Total: -\$899.12</b>

**Next Meeting: March 23, 2023 at 6:00**

First Congregational UCC  
Harford



For more information or to donate, please contact Laurie Demark at [lauriedemark@gmail.com](mailto:lauriedemark@gmail.com).

The ARC program is in the process of starting up the spaying and neutering of stray cats at Acre Lake again. We are working with Kindred Spirits and they have been most helpful with this venture. Our first appointment of the season will be on 3/23/2023 when 3 cats will be spayed and neutered. The family that cares for these cats assists with transport of them to the appointments and feeds them daily. As an aside, the food bank has assisted them with cat food. We have also found a potential placement for one of the older kittens and will make the placement once the kitten has it's vaccines and is neutered. Thank you for all of your help and prayers! We have a long ways to go but we will be diligent at it! Prayers for these animals who have been abandoned and for those who are helping them to live better lives. As we are going through our funds, please remember that donations are ALWAYS welcomed and appreciated so that we may continue to help our community!

## Pastor's Report to Council

The *Your Membership—Your Ministry* sermon series concluded February 19<sup>th</sup>. This said, I hear God calling this series back in a slightly different way following Lent. Lord willing, I will pick a new theme that speaks to our togetherness as a congregation in the season of Easter. I feel called to do this because there is more to be said about what it means to be “church,” gathering in a place of fellowship, and celebrating the Holy Spirit among us. We experience these gifts when together. It’s time to talk them out in a God-lead follow-through series.

The membership series held information about commitment in addition to what it means to be a community who hears the call to care not just individually but collectively. When we gather, we can be the arms and the feet of Jesus. Offering our shoulders and our love, we are a support system in a world that can be painful, lonely, depressing, or even heartbreaking. Let’s continue to shine together in Christian love for a world that needs Christian love.

The number of individuals who have said “Yes” to the upcoming membership class is now up to five. Let’s pray this number is able to keep this commitment, and that more can join in this class after worship starting on Sunday, March 26. A future class will also be offered at some point later.

I presided at the funeral service for Debbie Pompey on Saturday, January 28, at the Shifler-Parise funeral home. With permission from her family, I was able to post her eulogy as space was limited to the home for this loving community member.

Debbie was a paraprofessional at the MV elementary school. The Monday following the funeral, a third-grade teacher called me from her classroom and asked me to speak to her class about Debbie’s life in heaven. I was then asked to say a prayer for Debbie for the class.

The Route 11 Ministerium Lenten Season begins here on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM. I’ll have the bulletin ready for the first midweek worship experience. Since I preached at the Thanksgiving service for the ministerium in November, I’ll preach in the middle of this Lenten Season. Our pastors’ schedules have been packed so it will be great for us pastors to gather each week in fellowship and, truth be told, fun. We do love getting together.

I hold a heavy heart with Judy Mitchell on the passing of her loving (and lovely) niece and longstanding neighbor, Olivia Zick. Let us all hold suicide prevention close to us. Speaking back to the last sermon series on membership and its meaningfulness, I pray we remain a community who continues to care for all around us.

I did a first as your pastor. I recorded an Ash Wednesday message very early on Wednesday morning in case snowy and icy weather prohibited us from gathering in person in the sanctuary. I posted the under five-minute message to YouTube and included that link in email Wednesday morning (hours before the storm hit). I posted that same video to our Facebook page Wednesday afternoon. I am grateful I read the scripture lesson in that video and could share a sermonette.

Missing Ash Wednesday in the sanctuary changes how we are entering Lent this year. Pray with me that Psalm 51, the lectionary text for Ash Wednesday, reaches as many ears as possible. (I read our passage in the video.) This text speaks to all of us and brings us to a rightful place as Lent continues.

Pastor's Report to Council continues

Speaking of Lent, I have completed the Lenten series I call, "*A journey through Lent.*" Each week, we will look at the lectionary and find a journey that has taken place. This journey will speak to our own walks with Jesus.

**The 40 day journey with Jesus and the enemy**  
**Not in the dark: Nicodemus's journeys with Jesus**  
**The woman at the well sees where she must go**  
**A journey from blindness to sight**  
**From death to life: Lazarus' journey**  
**Journey with Jesus to Jerusalem**

**February 26, First Sunday of Lent**  
**March 5, Second Sunday of Lent**  
**March 12, Third Sunday of Lent**  
**March 19, Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 26, Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**April 2, Sixth Sunday of Lent**  
**(Palm Sunday)**

I'm glad I will be able to participate in the Feast of the Pascal Lamb with the choir at the Masonic Lodge in Scranton on Palm Sunday afternoon, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

I'm grateful David Schulte will host the *Seven Last Words* service on Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Dave has put great thought, time and prep into this service.

I ask for prayers for my mother's upcoming memorial service on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM. I will preach the sunrise and 10 AM worship services on Easter Sunday, April 9.

Continue to inform me of any news or pastoral visits I can make. I submit this report with Christian love. Will

## Christian Education—2/23/23

We celebrated Ash Wednesday by talking about Palm Sunday with the palms and how they are saved until the next year and burned for the ash on Ash Wednesday. Each child lay a dries palm on the firepit and we lit it. The blaze was significant.

We celebrated Valentines Day by talking about God's love and handing out goody bags for the children.

We are looking forward to Easter, Jesus's resurrection and our annual Easter Egg Eggstravaganza.

We have continued to have 7 committed Sunday School Teachers, one very good song leader, one excellent art teacher and three faithful substitutes.

Children that have finished third grade will receive their own Bible May 7, 2023, the last day of Sunday School. There will be celebratory cake for all. Combined new members, 50-year-members and end of Sunday School.

Vacation Bible School will be held at First Church June 12-15. We plan to host 6 other churches here with participation from all. The theme will be "Stellar" from Group Publishing.



## Deacon Minutes - 2-19-23

**Attending:** Wendy Phillips, Will Hagenbuch, Sharon Frantz, Dee Archer, Nancy Burris, David Schulte, Holli Chichester, Kay Gow

**Minutes** from January were read and approved after the Welcome Statement was amended. See below. The Welcome Statement will be printed in large print, laminated and placed on the altar.

### Welcome Statement

This church welcomes everyone. This church welcomes the faithful. This church welcomes the fallen. This church welcomes those who reach out and those who are so broken that they cannot reach out at all.

This church welcomes those who are joining us online, our neighbors, our extended community and those worshipping with us for the first time.

We welcome children in our worship, for they are our present and our future. This church welcomes you, whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey.

Let's welcome the Spirit of our Living God already here among us. To do so, let us pray.

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A suggestion came in from the congregation to put the **anthem lyrics** up on the screen during the anthem. There was a discussion and it was determined that the anthem is often changed at the last minute to accommodate the choir members in attendance. Since last minute changes are difficult, the lyrics will not be displayed at this time.

There was a discussion as to why the **hymn lyrics** are appearing in the bulletin. The worship team needs about 10 copies of the bulletin with the hymn lyrics. The bulletins for the congregation do not need the lyrics. This condensed bulletin is available but it was decided in the office that it saves time to do all the bulletins one way.

**50-year Recognition:** 50-year-pins. We are awaiting information from Lisa. She is researching a provider for pin costs. Kay finished the invitation cards. The invitation information will be added to the cards and mailed out in March. The recognition will be May7, 2022.

**Valentine Goody Bags:** The goody bags with card were distributed by the congregation on Sunday, February12, 2023. The HVA occupants each received a bag via Dee Archer. They expressed their thanks.

**Lenten Schedule:** The Ash Wednesday service will have a bulletin, words on the screens and will be live-streamed. The Lenten Schedule was updated to include choir changes and the Coral Society Concert.

**New Member Class:** We currently have 4 persons interested in joining. (Earl Cottrell, Chris Miller, Joe Metzler, Marge Tater). Will plans to invite all from the pulpit for the next two Sundays. See the schedule to follow:

**New Membership Class:** Using "What Matters to You, Matters to Us".

Lead by Will Hagenbuch

*\*Lunch will be provided. (Subway, Chips, Water)*



## Deacons Continued

March 26, 2023 - Class 1: Deacon – Kay Gow (Member Care, Bible Study, Worship)

Welcome by Council President – Dave Schulte

History of Harford Church (Handout), History of UCC (Handout)

Statement of Faith - page 76, 6 Vital Themes – page 9

Why this church? Chapters 3, 7

April 2, 2023 - Class 2: Deacon – Dee Archer

Church Organization (Handout)

Review Committees (Who they are and what they do)-Handout

Christian Education Rep (Sunday School, Confirmation, VBS) - Holli Chichester

April 16, 2023 - Class 3: Deacon – Lisa Hahn

Michelle Estabrook (Stewardship), Church Secretary – Welcome - Judy

Sacraments and Rituals – Chapter 4 Services (in-house and online)

Weddings, Baptism, Funerals, Communion, Easter, Lent, Christmas

April 23, 2023 - Class 4: Deacon – Sharon Frantz

Missionary - TBD, Outreach - Handout

Embracing the Differences, Coming Together in Love – Chapter 1, 5

Fellowship (Men’s Breakfast, Women’s Lunch, Fellowship Group)

April 30, 2023 - Class 5: Deacon – Wendy Phillips

Personal Faith Journey – Chapter 2, 6 Sponsors present

May 5, 2023 Join church, Sponsors present.

\*\*\* We will fine tune this schedule March 19, 2023.

We discussed the possibility of **online membership** classes. The problem with online meetings has been including the online people and hearing what is said. This problem can be overcome using our current smart TV with a camera mounted. Blue tooth microphones can help with the audio. Now we need to determine if online membership classes are something that should be done. We will contact Bonnie Bates to see what other churches are doing with online classes.

The **Hand Bell Choir** will practice the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays after church. The Deacons will move their meeting to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month so as not to conflict. **Next meeting: March 19, 2023.**

The AED is in and ready for classes. Sandy Yushinsky has been texted to find out the next step in setting up a CPR/AED (Automated External Defibrillator) class for the congregation. A “Stop the Bleed” class will also be scheduled.

The New Milford Rifle and Pistol Club is offering an accredited class for the USCCA Countering the Mass Shoot Threat. The Deacons are in favor of First Congregational having such a class. The instructors are willing to come to our church for the class. The cost is \$15/person with a cap at \$250. The class is 4-6 hours. The accompanying text is \$25 and is optional. Fred Grasso is awaiting our day and time selection. This will be taken to Council for discussion.

Adding a children’s song from Sunday School was discussed again. The CE representative felt that adding a song closer to VBS and using a VBS song might be a good start.

## Missionary Minutes - 2-21-23

**Attending:** Wendy Phillips, Karen Jones, Laurie Grant, Kay Gow, Ellen Holdredge, Peg Empet, Priscilla Allen, Sherry Decker, Holli Chichester, Michelle Estabrook

**Opened with Prayer:** Priscilla

**Treasurers Report:** Maureen Warren (read by Sherry Decker)

Beginning Balance: \$4,804.68

- \$300.00 Doctors Without Borders
- \$ 62.47 Soup Making
- + \$ 22.00 Dues
- + \$ 10.02 Least Coin Collection

Ending Balance: \$4,474.21

**Least Coin:** Wendy Phillips

In Papua New Guinea: Over 147,000 people are infected with AIDS/HIV. Least Coin is financing with a \$3000 grant a "Stop the AIDS/HIV stigma" program. The vulnerable people are mostly women, forced to support themselves by selling themselves, and children.

**Correspondence:** Out: 4

- In: Jean Bonham-Thank you for flowers and soup
- Susquehanna County Interfaith: Thank you for \$500
- Weinberg: Thank you for \$300
- CareNet: Thank you for \$300
- Women's Resource Center: Thank you for \$300

**Council Rep:** January -Peg Empet, February – Sherry Decker

**Projects 1:** Earthquake Relief in Turkey: Samaritan's Purse had a Mobile Hospital ready and air-lifted it to Turkey. The 1000 bed hospital in Turkey is destroyed and the mobile hospital is working to fill the need. Missionary voted to send \$500 to Samaritan's Purse to support this effort and offer the congregation the opportunity to also help through the of March via Minute for mission and in the Spire. One combined donation will be made at the end of March. Minute for Mission: Karen - March 1, Peg – March 12, Wendy - March 19

**Project 2:** Hurricane and Tornado Disaster Relief: Due to the increase of natural disasters this year, the Church World Service (CWS) has significantly depleted their Disaster Relief Kits. We have voted to work to supply Hygiene Kits to the CWS. We will begin this collection at the end of March and run the collection through April 18. On April 18, 2023 we will assemble the Hygiene Kits for distribution to the CWS warehouse April 24. Ellen will begin the Hygiene Kit Collection on March 26 during a Minute for Mission time. She will bring in a completed kit so all can see the required items.

**Yard Sale:** The yard Sale is currently set for September 1-2. We discussed alternative dates such as May 27-27 or August 25-26. Every date impacts other events at the church. We will continue to look at different dates.

**Fire Relief:** Several families have been devastated by fire. Missionary donated many pieces of furniture to one family along with \$300 of gift certificates to Walmart to a large family. Missionary will send a \$100 check to another that lost all belongings in a fire.

**Future Events:** Election Day Bake Sale Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

**Next Meeting:** March 21, 2023 at 1:00.

Samaritan's Purse stands ready to respond at a moment's notice whenever and wherever disaster strikes. They specialize in meeting critical needs for victims of conflict, disaster, famine, and epidemics throughout the world, often working through ministry partners on the ground. They provide food, water, shelter, medicine, and other assistance in the Name of Jesus Christ.

They pre-position supplies in warehouses strategically located around the world so they can quickly respond to crises. When disaster strikes, they deploy Disaster Assistance Response Teams comprised of experienced professionals trained in meeting the needs of disaster victims. Back at international headquarters, their Incident Management Team ensures that supplies are flowing and provides other support to their staff on the ground.

This Emergency Field Hospital was airlifted from Atlanta to Turkey on Feb. 9. Staff and materials were urgently transported to Antakya where their team quickly began raising the mobile facility on property surrounding the 1,100-bed Hatay State Hospital, which was irreparably crippled and made unsafe by the earthquakes.

The loss of the region's key healthcare facility further compounds the desperation felt by communities who've experienced unimaginable loss, grief, and the destruction of all they had.



**The death toll from this disaster well exceeds 40,000 people, mostly in Turkey but also in Syria, and tens of thousands more are injured and displaced.** These tragic numbers continue to rise.

A steady stream of patients continues to fill their triage, emergency room, and intensive care unit as ambulances and walk-ins arrive from the surrounding communities. Delays in treatment since the earthquake have allowed infections to set in, making injuries and illness more severe.

“Our Emergency Field Hospital is now open, and our medical team has already treated earthquake injuries like broken bones, wounds, and infections,” said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. “People are suffering, and we are there to meet their physical needs in Jesus' Name. Please pray for everyone affected and for our Disaster Assistance Response Team as they meet these emergency needs.”

**To help, please consider contributing to the Earthquake relief fund drive by:**

1. Place a check in the offering plate made out to First Church Missionary, put earthquake in the memo line.
2. Mail the check to First Church Harford, 5016 Creek Road, PO Box 217, Harford, PA 18823
3. Go to [www.firstchurchharford.com](http://www.firstchurchharford.com), hit the “Give” button, go to online donation “Give” button in the “Give To” box hit the down arrow and select “Other”  
Put missionary earthquake collection in the “Memo” space

## Stewardship Minutes -February 15, 2023

Present for the meeting: Kay Gow, Julia Gardner, Michelle Estabrook, Wendy Phillips, Joe Metzler and Pastor Will Hagenbuch

Pastor Will opened the meeting with prayer.

The offices were assigned for 2023:

Chair – Kay Gow

Vice Chair – Joe Metzler

Secretary – Michelle Estabrook

Representative to Council – Michelle Estabrook

Meetings will be the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall.

Our March meeting will be on Thursday March 16 at 6:00 p.m. due to a conflict with the Lenten Service.

Julia brought up the bill for Quick Books yearly update. We agreed to have half of the bill paid as she presented it. The other half she will pay as it is also used by her personally.

The current sermon series will end on February 26<sup>th</sup>. There has not been much feedback on it.

We will start collecting spring and summer clothes for Interfaith after the Lenten service on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Scouts are having a Court of Honor on March 4<sup>th</sup> here at the church. They have invited the congregation. It will be at noon in the Lecture Hall.

We also discussed the funeral on March 18<sup>th</sup>. They are providing the food but want to use the Lecture Hall. Should there be a charge to set up for it and clean up after? Also should the Building Use form have a fee for Tech Support if they want something recorded or live streamed?

The 50-year-members will be recognized on May 7, 2023. There are 33 of them.

Kay closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Estabrook

## Trustee Meeting Minutes - February 13, 2023

Harry Gardner, Irv Needham, Kandy Wellman, James Batzel, and Rick Masters were in attendance.

### Old Business:

- Harry installed the solar panels for the security cameras to replace the re-chargeable batteries and they're working.
- Julie Gardner has not yet touched up the paint, but she will

### New Business:

**New Trustee Members** for 2023 are Randy Decker and James Batzel.

**Chair Person:** Harry Gardner

**Vice Chair:** Kandy Wellman

**Secretary:** Rick Masters

**Representative to Council:** Harry Gardner

Meetings will now be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 7pm in the Pastor's Office

Kandy made a motion to adjourn seconded by Irv

Respectfully submitted, Secretary, Rick Masters


# About CEO's Weinberg Food Bank

The Commission on Economic Opportunity is a community based, nonprofit 501(c)3 corporation created in 1966. CEO is governed by a 15 member Board of Directors comprised of three constituencies with equal representation: consumers, public sector, and private sector.

CEO's Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank, dedicated in 1996, began with 18 member agencies distributing approximately 1.1 million pounds of food and grocery products. Last year the food bank distributed 14.8 million pounds of food via nearly 300 partners offering more than 12 million meals to hungry children, adults and the elderly.

The Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank serves four counties in northeast PA: Luzerne, Lackawanna, Susquehanna and Wyoming. The mission of the CEO/Weinberg Food Bank is to reduce hunger and promote healthy nutrition among poor and vulnerable people, especially children and the elderly.

The Food Bank collects food from the entire food system - from growers to retailers. We coordinate and support a network of partners to move the food from warehouse to table - quickly and efficiently. The network relies heavily on volunteers, small non-profit organizations and faith-based community services. The Weinberg Food Bank is committed to constant growth and developing innovative solutions to hunger.

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# The Review In Year

2022 could be considered "post-COVID". While we did see a decline in need in comparison to 2020-2021, we still served far more people and more food than we did in 2019, pre-COVID. The Pandemic truly has changed our world, we are still reeling from its effects - increased food cost, increased need, all without the increased support - both public and private that we had in 2020.

	2022
Pounds	14,857,811 pounds
Produce	3.8 million pounds (26% of total)
Foods to Encourage	10.8 million pounds (76% of total)
People	749,479 (duplicated)
Partners	284 organizations
Volunteers	1,406 volunteers gave 4,688 hours
Inventory	Inventory turned over 29 times
Nutrition Education	6,852 people participated in classes
Food Safety Training	98 staff and volunteers trained

## Our Weinberg Food Bank Managed by Tammy Stout



- We have a total of 98 registered families but usually serve between 60-70 families each month.
- Harford distribution started in 2019
- Distributions are the 4th Friday of each month
- Monthly distributions vary consisting of items such as produce, milk, meat, peanut butter, food staples and more
- Volunteers from the congregation and community make it all possible.
- Animal Resource Center funds are used monthly to help provide pet food to families who have signed up to receive that along with their Weinberg distribution .

If you are not yet registered to receive from the food bank please contact Tammy Stout at 570-396-7081 to do so!



## Willing Workers

The quarterly meeting of the Willing Workers Big Group met on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 1:00 in the Lecture Hall. Members present were Kay Gow, Sherry Decker, Peg Empett, Priscilla Allen, Ivie Simons, Sharon Kinney, Kandy Wellman, Ellen Holdredge.

The group looked at the building use forms that are given to people who wish to use the church/lecture hall. It was felt that the Building Use Agreement form should add separate lines for technical and custodial costs.

There was discussion on Dottie Hagenbuch's upcoming funeral lunch. Kay and Ellen to contact people. Set up will be on April 7.

The Ministerium's Lenten service will be held in Harford at 6:00PM on Wednesday, March 1. Ellen to order doughnuts and veggie trays from Price Chopper.

Voted to reserve the 2 spaces at the Harford Fair that have been used the last 2 years in the Carriage Barn.

Next meeting is Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 7:00PM.

Ellen Holdredge, Secretary

## CHORAL SOCIETY SCHEDULES LENTEN CONCERTS

In a 74 year tradition of inspiring prayer and meditation through music, the Catholic Choral Society will present their annual Lenten concert in Harford, Pennsylvania. The concert will be held on Sunday, March 26 at 4 PM at the First Congregational Church of Harford, UCC, [5016 Creek Road, Harford, PA 18823](https://www.google.com/maps/place/5016+Creek+Road,+Harford,+PA+18823). The pastor of the church is Reverend Doctor Will Hagenbuch.

The Mountain View Chimette Bell Ringers will be the guest performers. The concerts are open to the public free of charge. There will be a good will offering.

Brenda Grunza and Lois Ostrowski are co-presidents of the Catholic Choral Society. Ann Manganiello is music director of this group while Linda Houck is accompanist. The group, marking its 74 season, is composed of members from Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Susquehanna and Wyoming counties who will perform inspirational music in the Lenten tradition at the March concert. Further information may be obtained by calling 570-575-1040 and also at [www.catholicchoralsociety.org](http://www.catholicchoralsociety.org)





### Ambassador Program Report

Feb/Mar 2023

What does PNEC do for us?



**Highlights** for February/March available to church members from your covenantal partner, *Penn Northeast Conference and the Generosity, Friends of Conference, Team!*

Looking for a spiritual practice for Lent? Attend this provided by PNEC.



#### Virtual Lenten Study on Zoom

Three dates to join in! March 1, 15 and 29 at 7pm  
Examine familiar passages with a new perspective!

Next page for the link to register and the link for the bulletin insert.

#### Leadership & Management



Some leaders are born, but most leaders are trained and then practice!

**PNEC offers a Congregational Leadership Training Course on March 4<sup>th</sup> 9am – 4pm on Zoom**



Want something for your young people?  
Tell them about the PNEC Youth retreat!

For youth 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades. "FAITH & ??? In the Gospels" (more info next page)

WE WISH TO OFFER OUR THANKS TO YOU, IN ALL OUR PNEC CHURCHES, FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OCWM AND THE FRIENDS OF CONFERENCE CAMPAIGNS IN 2022. CHURCHES AND MEMBERS SUPPORTED EACH OTHER THROUGH PNEC WITH OVER \$470,000. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS AND TO BE IN COVENANT WITH YOU! ❤️ ❤️ ❤️

### Congregational Leadership Training Saturday, March 4 - 9AM to 4PM via zoom

It is a training offered by PNEC committees to help **lay leaders** and **youth leaders** appreciate and navigate the many roles and responsibilities of leadership in the local church.

An ideal learning opportunity, offered for newly-elected Consistory members, Confirmation students, and even seasoned church Leaders!

If interested, please email Patty Rehrig at the Conference Office - [pattvr@pnecc.org](mailto:pattvr@pnecc.org)

#### VIRTUAL LENTEN STUDY

The Penn Northeast Conference invites you to join in this year for a virtual Lenten series! Every other week in Lent many will meet via Zoom to examine familiar passages with a new perspective!

March 1 @ 7pm

March 15 @ 7pm

March 29 @ 7pm

Register via the link below or contact the PNEC Office!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84519101101>

Click here for bulletin insert:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/d3939796101/f88b035b-563e-4ecc-80c6-dc84a0f6c31f.pdf>

## December Baptism

Prayers continue to Grace Allen who was baptized in our sanctuary this past December. Grace graced us with the gift of celebrating her love and devotion to her Savior.

I pray her decision to be baptized as an adult will call out and inspire other adults who are not baptized to acknowledge what Jesus did on the cross and in the grave, who Jesus is as our Savior in our daily lives, and what eternity will be when we who commit to Jesus are with Jesus forever.





Ed and Sandy Tingley  
88 Robin Drive  
Nash  
TX 75569-2232

Shaynna N. Mack  
218 Idlewood Blvd Apt A13  
Baldwinsville  
NY 13027-3204



Jeanette Brainard  
4136 State Route 2073  
Kingsley  
PA 18826-7041

## March Birthdays and Anniversaries



March 1	Barbara Weideman	March 13	Shane Toolan, Jr
March 3	Katherine Doolittle	March 14	Harry and Julia Gardner
	Kassandra Lamberson		Ethan Rodriguez
March 4	Dorothy Greene	March 20	Linda Arthur
March 5	Erika Lewis Gething	March 22	Peg Empet
March 10	Nicholas (Weideman;s grandson)		Liz Grant
March 11	Cindy Millard Galambos		Ridge Bernosky
	Judy Mitchell	March 25	Gus Ferrara
March 12	Lyra Brosius	March 26	Susie Chidester
	Scott Muller		

## Spire Sponsor



**In Memory of:**

**Doris Booth Morrison  
Helen Booth Foster**

**From the Morrison and Foster Families.**



## HYGIENE KITS LIST

When people are forced to abruptly leave their homes because of emergencies, they may not have time to pack the things they use on a daily basis like toothbrushes or soap. But after a few days without these items, they definitely miss them. Your hygiene kits offer a refreshing daily boost for someone when supplies are hard to come by. Please remember to send \$2/kit to CWS to cover the costs of processing.

### SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- One 1-gallon Ziploc bag
- One hand towel measuring 15"x28" to 16"x32" (No fingertip, bath, dish, or micro-fiber towels.)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package (Found at discount dealers like [sallybeauty.com](http://sallybeauty.com). Search for wide tooth pastel comb to see example)
  - Must be sturdy with at least 6" of teeth
  - No pocket combs or picks
  - Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable
- One fingernail or toenail clipper (Either one is acceptable. Remove from packaging.)
- One bath-size bar of soap in the original package
- One toothbrush in the original package
- Ten standard size Band-Aids

All items must fit inside the Ziploc bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each hygiene kit just prior to its journey.



VALUE: \$15

PROCESSING FEE: \$2 per kit

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## USA Disaster Relief

### Missionary Group

With the advent of hurricanes, tornados and other natural disasters within the USA this year. Missionary Group will be collecting Hygiene items for Disaster Relief Hygiene Kits.

The collection will begin  
March 26, 2023  
and end  
April 18, 2023.

The completed kits will be transported to the Broome County Council of Churches in Binghamton NY to be sent to the Church World Services warehouse.

A container will be in the Gathering Room for items for these kits. You may make completed kits and donate the completed kits or donate specific items to be used in making these kits. Please consult the page to the left for the requested items.

For questions:

Please call or text Holli Chichester at  
301-643-1775

or

Email at [hollischichester@gmail.com](mailto:hollischichester@gmail.com)

## Hymn Dedication

Dedicate the Offertory Hymn of any Sunday Service in Honor or in Memory of someone. There is a sign up sheet in the Hallway next to the Flower sign-up sheet or place a card in the collection plate with the hymn and the name of the individual to whom you wish to honor.





## **Spring Happenings at Harford First Congregational Church**

**April 2 - Palm Sunday Harford 10:00**

**April 7 - Good Friday: Seven Last Words Service:  
Harford First Congregational Church, 6:00**

**April 9 - Easter Sunday Sunrise 7:00am  
Harford First Congregational Church  
Sunday School 9:00am (Easter Egg Hunt)  
Worship 10:00am**

**May 7 Recognition of 50 year Members  
New Members Joining  
Last Day of Sunday School  
Bibles given to 3rd grade and up  
Refreshments and Celebration 11:00**

**June 10 Golf Tournament—Tall Pines**

**June 12-15 Stellar VBS – 10:00-12:30  
Multi-Church**

### **Spire Sponsor**



**In honor of Robert Fisher and his wonderful choir  
that adds so much to worship every week.**

**Thank you!!**

## Home Bound

Martha Jenkins

Norma Carey

Lynola Carey

Dorothy Greene

Barbara Pease

Joanne Connolly

John Zimmerman

JoAnn Titus



## Prayer Concerns

- We pray for our nation to be blessed and that our nation seeks its blessings
- We pray for our national and local leaders
- All school districts—this includes school board members, administration, faculty, staff, parents and students
- for those with medical issues large and small
- David and Brandy and family
- Those with Alzheimer's and their families
- those experiencing financial pressures
- those fighting addiction
- all those in nursing homes and their families
- Will's kids
- Evan Clarkson, Andrew Kazmierczak, Robert Schulte and all those serving in the military
- Sandy Zupanovich
- Gregg Symuleski and family
- Nancy Marr
- law enforcement officers & EMS
- hospital workers and fire personnel
- George Lotter
- Maureen Warren
- Truck drivers, farmers & Small businesses
- Patrick Simons
- Linda Lindsey
- Family of Barbara Pompey
- All earthquake victims
- Bob Simons
- Mark Ezdebski
- Dave Casey
- Earl Gow
- Karen Doolittle
- Mike (Tammy Stout's step-brother)
- The Irion family

- Little boy, Jagger (cancer)
- Ruth Ann Batzel
- Joe Lillis
- Sal Armetta and family
- Karen Jones relative
- John Zimmerman
- Lynn Hernandez
- Chris (Paula Smith's brother)
- Ginny and Charlie Ahearn
- Jeff Holgate
- Andy Granick
- Margaret Frederick
- JoAnn Titus
- Joanne Zick
- War in Ukraine
- Baby Ruby
- Vivian Rutherford
- Millie Tingley
- Cheryl Augustine
- Kandy Wellman
- Julie Kesten
- All those battling cancer
- Phil (Schulte's son)
- Valerie (Wendy Phillips' sister)
- Family of Jackie (Ivie Simon's friend)
- Abby Toolan's dad (Ben Heckman)
- Norma and Lynola Carey
- Teddy Kasmierczak
- Mike (Tammy's step-brother)
- the family of Olivia Zick
- Buzz Gulick
- Richard Frederick (Ray's brother)
- Grace and Dave Allen
- Marilyn Light
- Jeff Kerr



## Attention!

**We are fully open for worship at 10:00 am each Sunday!**

We have been eager to worship together again. We are now open!!! Our ushers and greeters will be present during the service.

Hymnals and Bibles may be utilized but all text will be available via our new monitors in the sanctuary. We would like to invite those who do not feel ready to worship in groups to watch our livestreaming worship at 10:00 am.



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmQ-Xr0lE5xwdZS0yVs7dtg>



## Men's Breakfast

March 14, 2023 at 7:30am

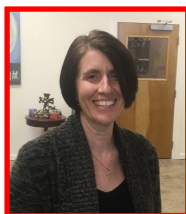
at Bingham's Restaurant.  
The second Tuesday of each month.



## The Website is up and running.

We have worked hard, but we realize that important things may not have been included. We are still adding and changing things so if you have suggestions, please email Holli Chichester at [hollischichester@gmail.com](mailto:hollischichester@gmail.com) or call 301-643-1775. Please check it out at

[www.firstchurchharford.com](http://www.firstchurchharford.com)



## Weinberg Food Bank

Harford First Congregational Church  
Please contact Tammy if you have registered but do not plan to pick up.

Next distributions Friday, March 24, 2023 from 4:30-5:30

Any income can apply, complete the form online [firstchurchharford.com](http://firstchurchharford.com) or call Tammy @ 570-396-7081.

Day of Distribution please bring with you a photo ID and a current household bill with your current Susquehanna County address.

## Women's Lunch

3rd Monday of each month

12:00 at Bingham's

All Welcome!

Bring a Friend



## March Greeters and Ushers

March 5 - Alyssa Nolan

Missy Clarkson

March 12- Peggy Empet

Karen Jones

March 19- Bill Chichester and Mikey

Chris Manley

March 26-Sherry Decker

Judy Mitchell and Emma



## March Lay Readers

March 5<sup>th</sup> Abby Toolan

March 12<sup>th</sup> Lisa Hahn

March 19<sup>th</sup> Nancy Burris

March 26<sup>th</sup> Karen Jones



## Celebrate the joys in life!

Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, weddings,  
births, graduations and let us celebrate with you!

Contact Tammy at 570-396-7081

for more information or to request your celebration sign.



## Attention!!

We need empty **square** bottles or other **unique** bottles about the size of wine bottles for a craft. We also can use the **corks!** We also can use **vintage books** that you no longer want for a book/lamp craft. Please take emptied, rinsed bottles to the kitchen and text or call Holli that they are there so she can come get them.



301-643-1775



**Notice: Please send all material for April to be included in the Spire to:**

**Firstchurchspire@gmail.com**

**by the 15th of March 2023!**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

### Memorial Plaque Information

Are you interested in having a plaque attached to the memorial stone in the memorial garden? One may have a plaque ordered by doing the following:

Cost---\$25.00

Send check (made out to Harford First Congregational Church -UCC) along with name of person and the year of birth and the year they passed away to the office. The office will then proceed to order the plaque and have it placed on the stone.

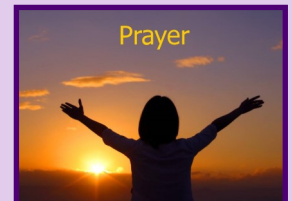


Thank you.

### Problems or Issues regarding Harford First Congregational Church—UCC?

**Pastoral Relations** is the group that handles all concerns, issues and difficulties that can not be resolved directly. These meetings are confidential. Contact the office if you find that you need to meet with Pastoral Relations at **570-434-2260**.

**Emails:** It has come to our attention that some of you may not be receiving our email prayer lists. This is an oversight that we would like to correct. Please call or email Judy and let her know that you are not receiving the emails.



## Correspondence

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

Heather and I are announcing auditions for the Tri State Gospel Singers during the month of March, and we are doing this by appointment. 2023 marks 9 years for our group.

If you are interested please contact Heather at her above email and cc me in on it. We would like to expand our group and add to the 8 voices we have now.

The "audition" is more for us to get familiar with you, and, share with you our music, sing a little, and talk about what is expected for rehearsals, performances, and so on. You do NOT need to be an experienced musician, however, that does help :O). Basically, if you are willing to learn our style of rehearsal and performance, our style of singing, etc., and you love sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in BOTH word and song, then, we have a place for you.

We are planning on starting rehearsals for our late spring/summer/early fall season on THURSDAY April 13, the Thurs AFTER easter. Rehearsals will be held in one of 2 locations, our home near South Gibson, or at Bethel Community Church at Welch Hill near Lake Idlewild.

BLESSINGS TO ALL!

Pastor B and Heather.

Heather: [hpearsall30@gmail.com](mailto:hpearsall30@gmail.com)

Barney: [pastorbarney3@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbarney3@gmail.com)

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During our time of sorrow we realize how much our family and friends mean to us.

Your kind expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of Debbie Pompey.

We cannot begin to tell everyone at the church how grateful we are for all your help and support during this difficult time.

Sincerely, Rich, Barb, Charlie Pompey and Family



**Spire Sponsor**  
**In loving Memory of**  
**Mary Whitaker**  
**-Roger Whitaker**





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## CHICKEN AND BISCUIT DINNER

March 25, 2023 TAKEOUT ONLY 2 to 5 P.M

Presale Only Adults \$12

12 and under \$6

HARFORD MASONIC LODGE

Information and Tickets:

Deb Cerynik 570 434-2103

Wendy Phillips 570 434-2192



**Spire Sponsor**

**Happy St Patrick's Day**

**The Winemiller Family**

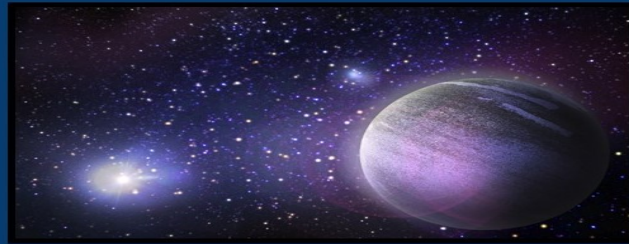


## VBS

**Save the Date: June 12-15, 2023**

**10:00—12:30**

**Multi-Church Vacation Bible School  
At Harford First Congregational Church**



## Harford First Congregational Church Golf Tournament



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Saturday, June 10, 2023**

Holli Chichester: [hollischichester@gmail.com](mailto:hollischichester@gmail.com)  
or 301-643-1775

*\*To benefit First Congregational Church\**

2023

**LILY ORDER FORM** *Deadline March 19*



Please order:

\_\_\_\_\_ lily plants at \$ 8.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (total price)

**I would like to donate these lily/lilies to shut-in outreach**    **Yes**    **No**

**Given By:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

In Loving Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Mail order and payment to:

First Congregational-UCC      P. O. Box 217      Harford, PA 18823

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## USCCA Countering the Mass Shoot Threat

We all pray we will never have to face violence, but sometimes it walks through the front door, even in a place where we should feel safe. Mass shootings have become all too familiar today and that is unacceptable. The cadre of instructors at New Milford Rifle and Pistol Club have responded to this by becoming credentialed as instructors for the USCCA Countering the Mass Shoot Threat. We are inviting anyone interested to attend this course.

The cost for this 4-6 hour class is \$15.00 per person.

There is also an optional textbook available if desired-cost \$25.

We are hoping to schedule this class **April 22 from 9:00-2:00**. Bring a bag lunch. Refreshments will be provided. Fill out the Short form at the bottom of the page.

### CPR/AED Training

We are also offering AED/CPR training on May 6, 2023 from 9-12. This will teach participants how to administer CPR and how to use our new Automated External Defibrillator.

The class costs \$10 per participant. Fill out the form below and include the cost of the class.

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### Class Registration

#### Mass Shoot Threat Class (April 22, 2023 9:00-2:00):

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost : \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ I want the text book: Yes No Cost \$25

#### CPR/AED Class (May 6, 2023 9:00-12:00):

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost \$10

Fill out this form and put it in the collection plate with your payment or send the form and the payment to:

First Church 5016 Creek Road. Harford, PA 18823.

Make checks payable to First Church.

For questions call or text Holli Chichester at 301-643-1775 or email [hollischichester@gmail.com](mailto:hollischichester@gmail.com).

# March 2023

March 2023

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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April 2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 26	27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4
			6:00pm Lenten Service (First Church)	10:00am Pastor in office		10:00pm Eagle Scout Recognition (LH)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
7:30am Breakfast (fire) 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Fellowship time 10:00am Worship 11:00am KWW soup sale <i>7:00 Scouts</i>	9:30am Quarter back (PO) 7:00pm Trustees mtg (PO) 7:30pm Fair mtg (LH)	9:30am Ugly Quilts 6:00pm Choir (MR)	6:00pm Lenten service (Brooklyn Universalist)	10:00am KWW (LH) 10:00am Pastor in office		
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26	27	28	29	30	31	Apr 1
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Office Hours: Thurs. 10-12:00

Judy Mitchell –Sec  
Hours: Monday 1:00-5:00  
Friday 1:00-5:00

.....the people in darkness have seen a great light

Isaiah 9:2

*Join Us Each Sunday!!*

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